REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 remain in the application.

35 USC 102 Rejection:

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. patent no. 7,002,325 issued to Matthew B. Harris et al ("Harris"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Filed concurrently herewith is an affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 antedating the Harris reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-20 is now moot.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. In view of all of the above, it is believed that the claims are allowable, and that the case is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Although it is believed that no fees are due for this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1086.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

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